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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH AMBASSADORS TO ALGERIA AND SYRIA

1. QUAI D'ORSAY MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS DE COMMINES AND ROUILLON ARE COMING TO LONDON IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS FOR A PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THEIR FCO COUNTERPARTS. THE EXCHANGE IS SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN NORMAL BECAUSE THE BRITISH WISH TO CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY GO OFF TO BE AMBASSADORS. COMMINES WILL BE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA AND ROUILLON TO SYRIA.

2. BOTH FRENCH EXPERTS ARE HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE FCO. COMMINES NORMALLY TALKS WITH ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY WEIR AND ROUILLON TO DEPARTMENT HEAD CRAIG (NOW URWICK). WE HAVE NOTED HIGH OPINION THESE OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED OF THE SAGACITY OF THESE TWO GENTLEMEN.

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